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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/822,245	Applicant(s) OOI ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsukui et al. (US 6,557,045).

3. Regarding Claim 1, Tsukui et al disclose a communication terminal apparatus (e-mail apparatus) capable of sending and receiving e-mails comprising: an input section entering an e-mail address (operation panel 107) (an operator can input a character string such as a mail address) (col. 3, lines 28-32); storage section for storing a plurality of partial e-mail addresses (backup RAM 106 stores address data which is divided and extracted by an address edit operation) (col. 5, lines 20-21); and a selection section for selecting one from among the stored partial e-mail addresses (Fig. 7, S602, a selection of domain name is carried out to select an address) (col. 6, lines 22-23); wherein in entering an e-mail address, a part of the e-mail address is first entered from the input section (Fig. 7, S610, a user name is inputted) (col. 6, line 40) and then the partial e-mail address selected from the storage section by the selection section is combined with the part of the e-mail address entered from the input section to complete e-mail

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address entry (Fig. 7, S611, the inputted user name is ascertained, and the entirety inputted address is also ascertained) (col. 6, lines 50-51).

4. Regarding Claim 2, Tsukui et al disclose a communication terminal apparatus, wherein the plurality of partial e-mail addresses are stored in a predetermined order in the storage section (the user name, sub-domain name 1, sub-domain name 2, top domain name, which are divisionally stored in the backup RAM 106) (col. 5, lines 39-56), the selection section retrieves the partial e-mail addresses stored in the storage section (backup RAM 106) in that order to select one from there among, and the order which the selection section retrieves the partial e-mail addresses can be arbitrarily specified (scroll buttons are arranged at the positions corresponding to the display positions of the sub-domain name, top domain name, which are displayed by the display device 108) (col. 5, lines 63-67, and col. 6, lines 1-7).

5. Regarding Claim 3, Tsukui et al disclose a communication terminal apparatus, wherein the plurality of partial e-mail addresses stored in the storage section are classified into predetermined categories (the user name, sub-domain name 1, sub-domain name 2, top domain name, which are divisionally stored in the backup RAM 106) (col. 5, lines 39-56), and selection from among the stored partial e-mail addresses is carried out in response to selection of one from among the predetermined categories (scroll buttons are arranged at the positions corresponding to the display positions of the sub-domain name, top domain name, which are displayed by the display device 108) (col. 5, lines 63-67, and col. 6, lines 1-7)..

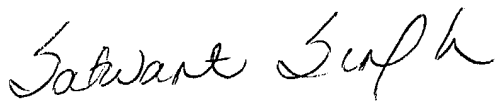
6. Claim 4 is rejected for the same reason as claim 3.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satwant K. Singh whose telephone number is (703) 306-3430. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams can be reached on (703) 305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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